(2) is there any road connection to the Pudukkad Railway Station from this desam;

(3) is not the whole desam surrounded with water during the floods;

(4) have the Government received petitions from the public for the construction of a road;

(5) if so, what action have they taken ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) To some extent.

(4) and (5) Yes, the matter is under enquiry.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question was about a road in Pazhayi Desom It is said here Parayi. May I know whether there was a petition from the inhabitants of Pazhayi Desom?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is a misprint for Pazhayi and it was how I received it. We have received a petition and it is being enquired into.

Construction of a road to connect the Poyya-Mala road with Puthenvelikara road.

140. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) is the line of communication from the northern parts of the Cochin State through Mala, Poyya and Puthenvelikara, the shortest one to Chennamangalam and its neighbouring places;

(b) if so, why is it there has been such unusual delay in the matter of connecting the Poyya-Mala road with the Puthenvelikara road as the distance to be connected is very short;

(c) have the Government received requests from the people regarding this road ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(a) A road connecting the Kundur-Poyya road with the Travancore-Puthenvelikara road will form a short route to Chennamangalam and its neighbouring places.

(b) The opening of the road is postponed on financial grounds.

(c) Yes. A petition was received from one Mr. V. John, Vazhapilli St. Mary's High School, Alwaye in 1107.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has not the Registrar visited this place?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I have often visited this place.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long is the road in question?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is about four furlongs in length.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much will the cost come to?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—About ten to twelve thousand rupees. There is a big *thodu* called the Perumthodu and a bridge has to be constructed over it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If this road is put up may I know what will be the distance to Chennamangalam from the end of this road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The distance from Chennamangalam to Poyya, if this road is constructed, will be four miles and by the existing route it will be about 5 to 6 miles.

141. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that if a short connection between the Poyya-Mala road and the Puthenvelikara road is made, it will form the shortest and cheapest line of communication from the northern parts of Cochin State to Chennamangalam;

(2) if so, whether the Government intend taking steps to connect the two roads?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(1) It may be a short cut, but Government are not sure if it is the cheapest.

(2) This will be considered when funds permit.

Appointment of Depressed Classes in the Agricultural Department.

142. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—

(എ) അഗ്രികൾച്ചറൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ എത്ര അധഃകൃതരെ ജോലിയ്ക്ക് നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്?

(ബി) അവരുടെ ജോലികൾ എന്ത്?

(സി) ശമ്പളം എത്ര?

രാമവമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ.—

(എ) ഏഴ് അധഃകൃതരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ബി) അവരിൽ ഒരാൾ കാള സൂക്ഷിപ്പുകാരനും, രണ്ടു പേർ തോട്ടക്കാരും, നാലുപേർ ഒല്ലൂക്കര സെൻട്രൽ ഫാമിലും വൈറില തെങ്ങിൻതോപ്പിലും വേലക്കാരുമാകുന്നു.

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